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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT ASAD AND FOREIGN MINISTER
KHADDAM

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. WE WILL ANNOUNCE 1100 EDT JULY 8 THAT SECRETARY AND
PRIME MINISTER RABIN WILL MEET IN BONN JULY 12. THEREFORE,
PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENCY AND TO KHADDAM
DURING THE DAY JULY 8 YOUR TIME, ASKING THAT IT BE HELD IN
CONFIDENCE UNTIL ANNOUNCED.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IN LINE WITH OUR DESIRE TO KEEP SARG INFORMED OF CONTINUING
DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR EXCHANGES TO MOVE THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS
FORWARD, SECRETARY KISSINGER WANTS PRESIDENT ASAD AND DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER KHADDAM TO KNOW THAT HE WILL BE MEETING
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PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN BONN ON JULY 12. AS YOU KNOW, THE

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONSIDERING WHETHER IT COULD ADOPT NEW POSITIONS WHICH WOULD ADVANCE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A SECOND-STAGE SINAI AGREEMENT AND THEREBY STRENGTHEN THE BASIS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. OUR AMBASSADOR IN EGYPT WILL MEET WITH THE SECRETARY TO BE BRIEFED FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH RABIN.

AS FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WAS ASSURED IN WASHINGTON, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THROUGHOUT OUR CONSULTATIONS THAT THESE CURRENT TALKS ARE TO BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF PROGRESS TOWARD AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT. OUR POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED, AND THE SECRETARY WANTS TO ASSURE THE PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER THAT THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE SYRIAN FRONT WILL ALSO BE A SUBJECT OF THE TALKS BETWEEN HIM AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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